

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 37. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Good
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	56.3	59.2	54.5	58.2	62.5	62.3
• Passed 2 subtests	23.7	20.4	25.5	20.6	18.9	18.9
• Passed 1 subtest	12.6	13.4	7.9	13.0	12.0	11.4
• Passed no subtests	7.4	7.0	12.1	8.2	6.7	7.3

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	10.7%	14.8%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	13.4%	15.7%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	48.2%	43.2%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	95.7%	10.7%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	100.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	95.5%	11.2%	
Gender			
Male	93.5%	6.6%	
Female	98.1%	15.7%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	100.0%	10.0%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	94.3%	11.4%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	92.7%	5.7%	
Pay for lunch	97.3%	13.0%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	67.5%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	69.3%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,590	N/A	\$5,668	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	89.5%	Up from 88.9%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	22.0 to 1	N/A	24.3 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=781)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	38.9%	N/A	32.6%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 94.7%	94.9%	95.3%
• Retention rate	18.9%	Up from 11.8%	11.1%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=54)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	10.0 Days	Up from 8.5	7.6 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 96.1%	95.6%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	35.2%	Down from 53.1%	45.5%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	68.5%	Down from 70.6%	81.0%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	3.6%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	74.9%	Down from 78.7%	84.7%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$33,633	Down 0.0%	\$37,264	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	5.1%	Up from 4.0%	3.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	51.3%	N/A	56.1%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	8.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	67.7%	N/A	60.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	14.7%	Up from 12.9%	10.5%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	11	N/A	30	29
• Gifted and talented	0.0%	N/A	6.3%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	13.4%	Up from 11.0%	12.1%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	3.1%	N/A	6.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	541	N/A	449	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	18.6%	N/A	29.0%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Swansea High School serves approximately 800 students per year in grades nine through twelve. The school was located at its current site and opened in the fall of 1979. A new addition was completed in the fall of 2000, which added sixteen additional classrooms. The new wing houses the mathematics, business education, and art departments, plus several special education classes and is home to the school's future ROTC program. Swansea High School cares about every student's success and future. In an effort to continually improve, the school staff, administration, and School Improvement Council have implemented strategies from its five-year strategic plan that drives school improvement. The school has made improvements in areas of standardized testing - all senior who were required to pass the State's Exit Exam (BSAP) passed. Developmental courses were created to assist students who are deficient in areas on the Exit Exam. SAT and PSAT preparation courses are continued to be offered - the high school has had a 22 point increase over the past five years. Parental involvement has improved with the institution of "Report Card Pick-ups," an Open House for the high School, and yearly orientation at the start of every school year. The freshman retention rate has improved by 16%, but it is not where we would like it to be. Swansea High feels that there are still several challenges that are ahead. Challenges include meeting the needs of our freshmen, improving test results, improving behavioral expectations, improving our dropout rates and attendance, and increasing parental involvement. Swansea High's focus for the 2001-02 school year will include academics, attendance, and attitude. The focus will also include an emphasis on the ninth grade class and their transition year, plus an emphasis on technology to assist in improving academics and test scores. The staff at Swansea High School and the School Improvement Council look forward to working with students, parents, and community to make our school the very best that it can be.

Larry Rabon, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	76.1	65.3	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	89.1	76.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	40.9	81.8	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 781 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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